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FOLLOWING ARE REQUESTED DATA AND COMMENTS REGARDING EMBASSY
YOUTH PROGRAM IN MALAYSIA AS APPROVED BY COUNTRY TEAM:

I. YOUTH CATEGORIES

A. PERCENTAGE CATEGORY

- 25 YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS
- 15 YOUNG BUREAUCRATS (E. G., MINISTRIES OF
NATIONAL UNITY, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS,
INFORMATION, FOREIGN AFFAIRS; ECONOMIC AND
GENERAL PLANNING UNITS OF PRIME MINISTER' S
DEPARTMENT; ETC.)
- 2.5 YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS
- 5 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS - MEDIA
- 5 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS - BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
- 10 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS - ARTS AND LETTERS
- 10 LEADERS OF NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS
- 12.5 UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS
- 15 UNIVERSITY FACULTIES (E. G. UNIVERSITY OF
MALAYA, SCIENCE UNIVERSITY, NATHIONAL

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UNIVERSITY, MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY)

B. AN ASSESSEMENT OF PRESENT AND LIKELY FUTURE NATIONAL
POLITICAL LEADERSHIP INDICATES FAIRLY CONSISTENT PATTERN OF

INVOLVEMENT IN UNIVERSITY OR NATIONAL STUDENT GROUPS, PRO-
CEEDING TO MEMBERSHIP IN YOUTH WINGS OF NATIONAL POLITICAL
PARTIES (PARTICULARLY UMNO YOUTH), THEN ACCESSION TO HIGHER
GOVERNMENT POSITIONS, MEMBERSHIP ON RULING COUNCILS OF
POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT. BY AND LARGE,
YOUTH ELEMENT IN ARMED FORCES IS NOT COHESIVE AND IDENTIFIABLE,
PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE MALAYSIAN MILITARY HAS SCRUPULOUS NON-
POLITICAL TRADITION; SIMILARLY, THERE NO DISCRETE YOUTH LABOR
MOVEMENT. NEVERTHELESS YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS COME INTO
LEADERSHIP RANGE AFTER LEAVING ARMED FORCES FOR POSITIONS IN
INDUSTRY AND PERHAPS POLITICS. THROUGH MAP (TRAINING ONLY)
YOUNG OFFICERS SENT TO VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN U. S. BENEFIT FROM
ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH U. S. INSTITUTIONS AND TRENDS, IN TURN
REINFORCING ATTITUDES FRIENDLY TO U. S. AT SAME TIME, THERE IS
CROSS- FERTILIZATION AMONG YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS, YOUNG
BUREAUCRATS AND YOUNG INTELLECTUALS; THESE PEOPLE CONSTI-
TUTE POOL FROM WHICH MOST LEADERS ARE DRAWN.

C. WE DO NOT PERCEIVE ANY PARTICULAR SHORT- TERM IMPACT OF
YOUTH ON U. S. INTERESTS BUT IT IS NEVERTHELESS IMPORTANT THAT
OUR YOUTH PROGRAM CREATE RECEPTIVE AND FRIENDLY ATTITUDES
AMONG POTENTIAL LEADERS AND THAT CONTACTS WITH ABOVE- NOTED
RNATEGORIES BE MAINTAINED AND STRENGTHENED.

II. OBJECTIVES

A. PERCENTAGE OBJECTIVE

- 25 ASSURE ACCESS TO FUTURE LEADERSHIP
- 15 DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS
- 20 CREATE AND MAINTAIN FAVORABLE ATTITUDES
TOWARD U. S.
- 15 PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD U. S. GOALS
AND POLICIES
- 10 INFLUENCE ATTITUDES ON SPECIFIC U. S.
INTERESTS
- 5 FOSTER CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO BILATERAL TRADE

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AND U. S. INVESTMENT

- 5 HELP STRENGTHEN MODERATE, DEMOCRATIC GROUPS
AND INDIVIDUALS
- 5 UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW INCIPIENT POLITICAL AND
SOCIAL TRENDS

B. OBJECTIVES OF COURSE ARE CORRELATED WITH PRIORITY

CATEGORIES OF YOUTH AUDIENCE PER SECTION I. IN MALAYSIA, PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING MEANS BY WHICH YOUTHS CAN MOVE INTO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, ARE ORDERLY. PARTICULAR YOUTH PROGRAM OBJECTIVES INCLUDE: FOSTERING MODERATE ATTITUDES AND ENCOURAGING MODERATE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ON RACIAL ISSUES; MAINTAINING FRIENDLY, BROAD- MINDED AND INTELLECTUALLY SOUND CLIMATE FOR U. S. FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES; MAINTAINING RECEPTIVE CLIMATE TOWARD U. S. FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENT CAN PLAY IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT; AND BROADENING EXPERIENCE OF POTENTIAL LEADERS BY CONTACTS AND FAMILIARITY WITH AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE, GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES, AND HEALTHY SOCIAL, ACADEMIC AND OTHER TRENDS IN U. S.

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III. RESOURCES

A. PERCENTAGE PROGRAM RESOURCE
WEIGHT

30	CU IVP GRANTS
5	CU SHORT- TERM AMERICAN GRANTEES (STAG)
2.5	CU EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL GRANT (CIP AND NSF)
20	CU ACADEMIC GRANTS TO MALAYSIAN STUDENTS (FULBRIGHT)
5	CU ACADEMIC GRANTS TO AMERICAN PROFESSORS (LECTURING)
30	USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING
2.5	MAP TRAINING
10	TEENAGE EXCHANGE (A. F. S.)

UNKNOWN OTHER NON- USG (FORD, ROCKEFELLER, ASIA
SOCIETY, ESSO GRANTS, EISENHOWER FELLOW-
SHIP, ETC.) (NOTE: IMPACT OF THESE PRO-
GRAMS NOT FULLY KNOWN BECAUSE THEY
NOT NECESSARILY DIRECTED AT YOUTH AUDIENCES.)

B. IMPROVEMENTS: INCREASES IN IVP AND CIP PROGRAMS WOULD
BE WELCOME BUT, EXCEPT IN ACADEMIC SPECIALTY PROGRAMS, WE HAVE
EXPERIENCED SOME DIFFICULTY IN RECRUITING GOOD CANDIDATES FOR
MEDIUM TERM (I. E., TWO TO SIX MONTH) STUDY TOURS AND PROGRAMS,
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ESPECIALLY IF CANDIDATES ARE IN GOVERNMENT. ALSO, ADDITIONAL
PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES DURING U. S. NATIONAL ELECTIONS WOULD BE
WELCOME.

C. PRIVATE RESOURCES: AS NOTED ABOVE, NON- USG PROGRAMS
(WITH EXCEPTION OF TEENAGE EXCHANGE) ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY
DIRECTED AT YOUTH, ALTHOUGH YOUNGER ACADEMICIANS AND
SPECIALISTS ARE INCLUDED IN PROGRAMS. GIVEN CURRENT MAL-
AYSIAN INTERESTS IN ACADEMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SPECIALIZATION,
IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THESE PROGRAMS CAN BE MESHED
WITH EMBASSY YOUTH PROGRAM.

D. PEACE CORPS: PC HAS BEEN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN
PROMOTING FRIENDLY ATTITUDES TOWARD U. S. AT ALL LEVELS OF
SOCIETY. SUBSTANTIAL PC TEACHING PROGRAMS ARE PARTICULARLY
INFLUENTIAL AND CONTRIBUTE TO YOUTH PROGRAM OBJECTIVE OF
CREATING AND MAINTAINING FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD U. S. IN
INDIRECT MANNER, PC ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO OBJECTIVES OF PRO-
MOTING UNDERSTANDING OF U. S. GOALS AND POLICIES, STRENGTHENING
MODERATE, DEMOCRATIC GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS AND FOLLOWING
TRENDS AT GRASSROOTS LEVEL.

IV. RELATIVE IMPORTANT OF YOUTH

A. LEVEL OF U. S. EFFORTS: MEDIUM

B. VIEWED IN TERMS OF OVERALL DYNAMICS OF MALAYSIAN
SOCIETY, YOUNG LEADERS AND YOUTH MOVEMENTS ARE PRIMARILY
IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL. ONE NOTABLE
EXCEPTION IS UMNO YOUTH WING OF RULING PARTY WHICH HAS
DEFINITE POLITICAL CHARACTER OF ITS OWN AND IS IMPORTANT
BECAUSE OF PRESSURE IT CAN BRING TO BEAR ON UMNO AND
GOVERNMENT. PRESENT LEVEL OF EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH YOUTH
POLITICAL LEADERS IS HIGH BUT LEVELS VIS A VIS OTHER GROUPS
VARY ACCORDING TO CURRENT CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PRO-
GRAMMING, GRANTS AND OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE. ON WHOLE,
WE BELIEVE THAT MISSION YOUTH EFFORT IS BEING MAINTAINED AT
APPROPRIATE, BUSINESSLIKE LEVEL, MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO MEET
OUR OBJECTIVES.

C. WORKLOAD

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1. PERSONNEL TIME:

(A) APPROX TOTAL MAN MONTHS PER YEAR EXPENDED ON
YOUTH PROGRAM: 10
APPROX PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL PERSONNEL TIME OF
EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVING INTEREST IN YOUTH
PROGRAM: 8.4 PERCENT

(B) ALLOCATION OF TIME:
CONTACT WORK - 55 PERCENT
REPORTING - 20 PERCENT
PROGRAM WORK - 25 PERCENT

(C) AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY:
STATE - 40 PERCENT
USIS - 60 PERCENT

2. PROGRAM RESOURCES:

ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF EACH OF CU AND USIA BUDGETS
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